

KZLN (TV)

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NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CH 60

DUAL ID: HARLINGEN/SAN BENITO, TX

First licensed

Call Letters KZLN

Station Location HARLINGEN, TX

Name TEXAS CONSUMER EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Transmitter Location 2.3 mi. NE of Santa Maria, TX

Main studio location To be determined, Harlingen, TX

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPCT-5121 AH: 1410' MSL: 1549' ERP: V-468kW, A-69.2kW CP for New Commercial Television Broadcast Station.	1-24-79	Ch-60, 746-752MHz	7-24-80
BPCT-5121 (1)	6-18-79	Call Sign assigned (& EBSA)	
BPCT-5121 {1}	6-18-79	SUPERSEDE TO SHOW CORRECT CLASS OF STATION	

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMMERCIAL TV

Call
Letters ~~(NEW)~~ K Z L N

Name **TEXAS CONSUMER EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
~~CH-44~~ **HARLINGEN, TEXAS (PO c/o Francisco Briones, 741 E. Bowie St., Alamo, TX 78516)**
Ch-60

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
DEET-569 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	4-20-77 4-20-77 APR 25 1977	CP for new Educ. TV on: Freq.: Ch-44-650-656.51a ERP: Vis. 745kW(Max), Aur. 111kW(Max) HAAT: 774 ft. TL: Blm. Dukes Hwy. & Parker Rd., 1.25 mi. S. of Laredo, Tex. (26-07-55-97-49-15) SL: Harlingen, Tex. Trans.: RCA TTU-30C Ant.: RCA TRU 36J (BT) MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Atty.: None Engr.: Hatfield & Dawson (Seattle) Amended 9-8-77 re legal	GRANTED	1-24-79

STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS filed 9-12-77 by Ernest W. Jennes
on behalf of Maximum Service Telecasters.

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CARD#2

Call
Letters ~~(NEW)~~ K Z L NName
CH-60 TEXAS CONSUMER EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HARLINGEN, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
NEW FILE NO. ASSIGNED AMENDMENT BPCT-5121 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D: CUT OFF DATE FEB 23 1978	10-12-77 10-12-77 NOV 00 1977	AMENDED to chg. from a CP for new Educ. TV, to a CP for New Educational Television Broadcast Station requesting Noncommercial operation on Non-Reserved Channel; chg. freq. from Ch-44, 650-656MHz, to Ch-60, 746-752MHz; ERP Vis. 599kW(Max) 465kW(H), Aur. 69.5kW(H); TL to 2.3 mi. NE of Santa Maria, Tex. (26-06-22 97-50-03); type ant. to Andrew 63525 (BT); and HAAT 1407.5 ft. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		

Box 100 Sen. Beatty 7/5/76

CARD#3

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV
APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: K Z L N

Name: TEXAS CONSUMER EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
CH-60

Station Location: HARLINGEN, TX

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
800219KF '80 03 s. '80 03 24	2-19-80	MP(BPCT-5121) to chg. Station Location from Harlingen, TX, to San Benito, TX.	RETURNED 7-30-80
BMPCT-800925KE	8-4-80	Request Waiver of Section 73.1201(b)(2) of the Rules to identify Station as Harlingen-San Benito, TX	GR. 10-7-80
BMPCT-800930KG R & F	9-25-80 9-30-80	MP(BPCT-5121) to chg. ERP to Vis. 4550kW, Aur. 455kW; chg. SL to 4200 W. Hwy. #77, San Benito, TX; type trans. to Comark CTT-U-SS; and type ant. to Bogner BUI-32 (BT).	

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast radio stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of television station history.

